



PEOPLE GROUP DISCOVERY & ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Fri, Sep 25 @ 5:30-8:30p - Sat, Sep 26 @ 9a-7p

The Loop (Garden Room)

Learn about the diverse people groups in Houston and how to engage them, then go on a people group excursion around the city. Space is limited. \$20 registration is required at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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XEE

Every Sun, Oct 11-Nov 22 @ 3:30-5p

The Loop (Rm 249)

XEE equips Jesus-followers to share the Gospel effectively in everyday encounters. You will learn and put into practice relevant, biblical, and relational evangelism skills for our postmodern times.

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE LOOP

Gather at The Loop on Wednesday evenings for MidLink — an evening of food and activities for all ages! Visit HoustonsFirst.org/MidLink for more, and to learn about Wednesday night options at our other campuses, too.

CHURCHWIDE

MidLink Cafe @ 4:45-6:15p — Fellowship Ctr
The Link (Adult Bible Study) @ 6:30-8p — Fellowship Ctr
Profundizando el Discipulado - Deepening Discipleship (Adult Spanish Bible Study) @ 7-8:15p — Rm 145
Milestones classes @ various times and locations

WORSHIP/MUSIC

Singers @ 7-8:30p — Rm 337
Worship Choir @ 7-8:30p — Rehearsal Hall
Worship Orchestra @ 7-8:30p — Worship Ctr

FITNESS

Boot Camp @ 6-6:45p — Rm 270
Barre Basics @ 6-6:45p — Rm 274
Core & Stretch @ 6:45-7p — Rm 270

PRESCHOOL

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
Wee Worship (Babies-1s) @ 6-7p — Preschool Suite
W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) (2s & 3s) @ 6-7p — Rm 201 (Heartland)
High 5 Kids' Choir (4 yrs-K) @ 6-7p — Rm 303 (Clubhouse)
Mission Friends (Birth-K) @ 7-8p — Preschool Suite

CHILDREN

Thru the Roof - Special Needs @ 5:45-8:30p — Rm 329
High 5 Kids' Choir (1st-5th Grade) @ 6-7p — Rm 301 (Loft)
Breakout (1st-3rd Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Fitness & Rec Ctr
Friction (4th-5th Grade) @ 7-8:30p — Rm 332

STUDENTS

Wired (Middle School) @ 6:30-8p — Rm 364
AMP (High School) @ 6:30-8p — Rm 363



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Weekly Guide
Sep 20, 2015



MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

TODAY, COME DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER OF HOUSTON'S FIRST.

See inside for orientation details at your campus

Learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership

SUNDAYS AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

The Loop Campus

7401 Katy Fwy
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 9:15a-11a-5p
Life Bible Studies
8a-9:15a-10:45a-6:30p

Cypress Campus

Smith Middle School
10300 Warner Smith Blvd
Houston, TX 77433
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Downtown Campus

Hyatt Regency
1200 Louisiana St
Houston, TX 77002
Worship 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a

Sienna Campus

4309 Sienna Pkwy
Missouri City, TX 77459
Worship 9:30a & 11a
Life Bible Studies 9:30a & 11a

Spanish Campus

7401 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77024
Worship 5p
Life Bible Studies 6:30p

NEWS + UPDATES



Houston's First Baptist Church is a relevant, biblical community where we **gather our hearts**, **grow our souls** and **give our lives** as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.



TWEET OF THE WEEK: "@HoustonsFirst My court clerk just told me that she loves our new waterfall. She passes it everyday and it makes her smile." — Ryan Patrick, @ryanpatrick177

ALL CAMPUSES

HighPoint Bible Study Wednesdays @ 11:30a

This weekly downtown Bible study with Dr. David Self plans to return to its home at 1010 Lamar on Sep 23, but check the website at HoustonsFirst.org/HighPoint for the latest details.

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Night of Prayer

Tue, Sep 22 @ 7-9p — The Loop (Worship Ctr)

Gather with the Houston's First family for a night of prayer as we call upon the Lord on behalf of our church, our city, our nation, and our world. Ryan Langford will lead us in times of worship. Childcare is not available, but all ages are welcome to attend.

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Three Strands Marriage Retreat

Fri, Nov 6-Sun, Nov 8 — Jordan Ranch, Schulenburg

Gain a better understanding of yourself and your spouse and increase the joy and intimacy of your marriage at this retreat facilitated by Sienna Campus Pastor Jeff Rees and his wife, Martha. The weekend is open to members and non-members. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Sienna at \$595 per couple before Oct 9.

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MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Re|Create Date Night

Fri, Oct 9 @ 6-10p — The Loop

Plan ahead to enjoy a night out with your spouse! We'll provide "date kits" for download from HoustonsFirst.org designed to help you be intentional about the time you spend together. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Events. (Childcare at The Loop is full.)

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MEN

Warrior's Heart

Every Thu thru Dec 10 @ 6:30-7:30a

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

In our Great Men of Faith series, we're looking at men who show faith in all types of situations. Different men teach each week, with Dr. Peter Williams from Tyndale House in Cambridge teaching this Thursday. Breakfast is available for \$5. Registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men is encouraged, but not required.

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Man Up! Men's Retreat

Oct 23-24 — Trinity Pines Conf Center

Wherever you are in your journey, the God of the universe is excited to help you take the next step. Gather with men from every campus for an action-packed time of adventure, inspiration, and connection with keynote speaker Ben Stuart, worship leader Ryan Langford, and numerous breakout leaders. Details and registration at HoustonsFirst.org/Men.

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THE LOOP

Voter Registration

Every Sun thru Oct 4 — The Loop

On Tue, Nov 3, area residents will vote in various local races (including Mayor of Houston) and on Houston's proposed Equal Rights Ordinance. Register to vote at tables in the Main Foyer and the Fitness & Rec Center lobby on Sundays before the Mon, Oct 5, deadline.

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NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

Middle School Retreat

Fri, Oct 2 @ 6p-Sun, Oct 4 @ 4p

Lake Tomahawk, Livingston

Ready to get away? Leave school, homework, and distractions behind and spend a weekend with The HUB! Meet new people, connect with others, experience great worship, play crazy games — and enjoy a few surprises! Don't let anything keep you from Middle School Retreat! (Tony will be sad if you're not there.) Register for \$90 by Wed, Sep 30, at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS

Summit Flag Football

Every Sat, Sep 26-Oct 31 — Warrior Field

It's football time again! Have fun with other young singles and get some exercise, too. The four weekend double-header schedule begins Sep 26 and concludes with a single-day playoff tournament on Oct 31. Register for \$40 for the season or \$15 per game at HoustonsFirst.org/Events.

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SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Birthday Bash

Sun, Sep 27 @ 12:15-1:30p — The Loop (Oasis Rm)

Single parent families are getting together to celebrate parents and children with September birthdays. We provide a complimentary lunch and gift cards to everyone who has a birthday this month! The party is free and no RSVP is required.

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WOMEN

Called

Every Mon thru Oct 19 @ 6:30-8p

The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

To be called by God doesn't mean being sent to a remote village to do hard work. The call of God is "know Me," not "show Me." Gather with other women of all ages as Gari Meacham teaches a six-week study on how to better understand your calling. Learn more at HoustonsFirst.org/Women.

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CYPRESS

MEN

Fight the Good Fight

Tuesdays @ 6:30-8a — Cypress Ministry Center

How do I become the man that God has called me to be? What are the attributes and practices of a godly man? Gather with the men of Cypress as we explore these questions facilitated by Ian Brou. Details at HoustonsFirst.org/Cypress.

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DOWNTOWN

Share Your Faith Workshop

Sat, Oct 3 @ 9a-2p — Vine Street Studios

Taught by Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia, the Share Your Faith Workshop from Evangelism Explosion (EE) introduces a Gospel presentation that's easy to learn and hard to forget, using the five fingers on your hand. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown. Vine Street Studios is located at 1113 Vine St., Suite 117.

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PLACE Downtown

Every Wed thru Oct 14 @ 7-8:30p — Vine Street Studios

God calls all Christians to love and minister to others in their everyday lives. PLACE is designed to help you discover how your personality, spiritual gifts, passions, and life experiences can work together to make a difference for His Kingdom. Register at HoustonsFirst.org/Downtown. Vine Street Studios is located at 1113 Vine St., Suite 117.

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SIENNA

"Make Room" with Jeff Rees

Wed, Sep 23 @ 6:30-8p — Sienna Worship Center

Sienna Campus Pastor Jeff Rees will introduce *Make Room*, his new book that provides the tools and the blueprint for creating or improving serious relationships. He'll also share the story behind how the book came to be. Copies of *Make Room* will be available for purchase at a special discount, and dinner will be provided.

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SPANISH

Worship & Life Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5p & 6:30p — The Loop (Oasis Room)

We are excited to see what the Lord is doing at the Spanish Campus! We invite you to come worship in Spanish and hear Pastor Gregg's message in Spanish or English! After the service, join others in a Life Bible Study — Seguridad en Cristo, Creciendo en la Vida Cristiana and Las Verdades De La Salvación.

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MAKE IT YOUR CHURCH ORIENTATION

Today, Sun, Sep 20, discover what it means to be a member of Houston's First! You'll meet staff members from your campus, hear about our mission, vision, and ministries, and learn how you can make Houston's First your church. Learn more about membership at HoustonsFirst.org/Membership.

The Loop @ 12:30p — The Loop (Fellowship Ctr)

Cypress @ 4:30p — Bridgeland Lakeland Activity Center

Sienna @ 12:30p — NextGen Suite 220-D

Spanish @ 6:30p — The Loop (Harbor Rm)

(The Downtown Campus will host their next Make It Your Church Orientation on Sun, Nov 15.)

Need more information? Call 713.681.8000, visit HoustonsFirst.org, and follow us on     

CREATING A
WORSHIPFUL
ENVIRONMENT.

As a courtesy to others:

- Silence cell phones
- Remain seated once message begins
- Use restroom before worship service
- If you leave, re-entry may not be allowed

At the end of the worship service as people are invited to accept Christ or join the church:

- Remain in the worship center
- Leave once we are dismissed
- Pray as people respond